Clearances: L/PM – Schildge ok NSC – Nilsson ok T – Katsapis ok PM/CPA – Greer ok

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 038-09

The Honorable

Nancy Pelosi,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRANSMITTAL NO. DDTC 038-09 CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN EXPORT LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(c) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT

- (1) <u>Foreign Country or International Organization to Which Export Will Be Made:</u> Russia, Sweden, Hong Kong and Kazakhstan.
- (2) Dollar Value of the Proposed Export:
 - (a) Current Notification Value: \$80,000,000
 - (b) Initial Notification
- (3) <u>Description of the Transaction:</u>
 - (a) Current Notification Scope: International Launch Services (ILS) is responsible for the Proton Launch Services Agreement to market and sell launch services and to launch commercial satellites and foreign government satellites from the Baikonur Cosmodrone in Kazakhstan using Proton Space Launch Vehicles. ILS now seeks authorization for the Proton integration and launch of the AsiaSat 5 Commercial Communication Satellite for Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited of Hong Kong. Attachment 1 contains a list of all involved parties. The launch is scheduled between 15 July 2009 and 15 August 2009.

The current notification value represents the value of the contract for launch vehicle and launch operations between ILS and Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited.

- (b) Total Scope: Initial Notification
- (4) Offset Arrangement: None.
- (5) <u>Authorized Sales Territory</u>: Not Applicable.
- (6) <u>Date Certification Delivered to Congress</u>:

NOTE: This report, although unclassified, is derived from information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant which is subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act. Disclosure of an applicant's prices and customers could result in competitive injury.

Attachment to DDTC 038-09 Signatories

Non-NATO

Hong Kong

- Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited

Russia

- Khrunichev State Research & Production Space Center

Sweden

- RUAG Aerospace Sweden AB

<u>US</u>

Space Systems/Loral, Inc.

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United States Senate.

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The Honorable

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,

President of the Senate.